

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An injection molding apparatus, comprising:
an injection molding machine for injecting molten resin, said
injection molding machine including a screw cylinder having a tip, a nozzle at
said tip and a threaded screw advanceable in said screw cylinder for injecting
molten resin from said nozzle;
a non-metallic injection mold comprising a cavity mold and a core
mold forming a hollow therebetween for forming an injection molded product
therein;
a first molten resin flow path extending from inside said screw
cylinder to a terminal end of said hollow; and,
a pressure relief valve located on said first molten resin flow path
at said terminal end of said hollow and adapted to release said molten resin from
said first molten resin flow path at a pressure of said molten resin in said first
molten resin flow path greater than a predetermined value.

2. The apparatus recited in claim 1 wherein said pressure
relief value is adjustable for accommodating molten resin having a range of
pressure and flow characteristics

3. The apparatus recited in claim 1 wherein said non-metallic
injection mold comprises cast epoxy and thermo-set materials.

4. The apparatus recited in claim 1 wherein said pressure
relief valve comprises a movable pin actuated by a spring bias, said movable pin
being adapted for movement between a first position blocking said molten resin
when said pressure is less than said predetermined value; and, to a second position
releasing said molten resin in said first molten resin flow path into a second
molten resin flow path in fluid communications with said first molten resin flow
path thereby relieving pressure in said first molten resin flow path.

5. The apparatus recited in claim 1 wherein a stationary and a movable mold portion attached to said injection molding machine for accessing said cavity mold has a mold parting line, said mold parting line having said second molten resin flow path formed therein, whereby hardened resin in said second molten resin flow path is removed from the cavity mold with the molded part.

6. The apparatus recited in claim 5 wherein said pressure relief valve is mounted to one of said stationary and movable mold portions.

7. The apparatus recited in claim 1 wherein said non-metallic mold is made from a material selected from the group consisting of: a cast epoxy, stereo lithography, urethane, and silicone.

8. The apparatus recited in claim 4 wherein said pressure relief valve is adjustable to said predetermined value by adjusting a threaded screw supporting said spring bias biasing said movable pin.

9. The apparatus recited in claim 4 wherein said pressure relief valve is adjustable by changing said spring bias.

10. The apparatus recited in 1 wherein said pressure relief valve is adapted to automatically reset after said pressure in said first molten resin flow path falls below said predetermined value.

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